

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1           1.     A method for communicating image data to an electrical device,  
2     comprising the steps of:  
3           transceiving a device identification to the electrical device in a universal image  
4     capture language; and  
5           transmitting image data to the electrical device.

1           2.     The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving an  
2     acknowledgement communication from the electrical device in the universal image  
3     capture language.

1           3.     The method of claim 1, wherein the device identification comprises at  
2     least one escape sequence.

1           4.     The method of claim 1, wherein the device identification is transmitted  
2     from an image capture device.

1           5.     The method of claim 1, wherein the electrical device comprises a  
2     computing device.

1           6.     The method of claim 1, wherein the electrical device comprises a  
2 peripheral device.

1           7.     A method for receiving image data from an image capture device,  
2 comprising the steps of:  
3           receiving a device identification from the image capture device communicated in  
4 a universal image capture language;  
5           interpreting the device identification; and  
6           receiving the image data from the image capture device.

1           8.     The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of transmitting an  
2 acknowledgement communication to the image capture device in the universal image  
3 capture language.

1           9.     The method of claim 7, wherein the device identification comprises at  
2 least one escape sequence.

1           10.    The method of claim 7, wherein the device identification is received by a  
2 universal image capture driver.

1           11.    The method of claim 10, wherein the universal image capture driver  
2   comprises part of a computing device.

1           12.    The method of claim 10, wherein the universal image capture driver  
2   comprises part of a peripheral device.

1           13.    An image capture device, comprising:  
2   a processing device adapted to control operation of the image capture device;  
3   an image capture module;  
4   a communication module that communicates in a universal image capture  
5   language;  
6   image capture hardware adapted to retrieve and store image data; and  
7   a device interface adapted to facilitate communication with other devices.

1           14.    The device of claim 13, wherein the device comprises a digital camera.

1           15.    The device of claim 13, wherein the device comprises a scanner.

1           16.    An electrical device, comprising:  
2           a processing device adapted to control operation of the image capture device;  
3           a communication module that communicates in a universal image capture  
4    language  
5           a control module; and  
6           a device interface adapted to facilitate communication with other devices.

1           17.    The device of claim 16, wherein the communication module comprises a  
2    universal image capture driver that is adapted to communicate with a variety of different  
3    image capture devices.

1           18.    The device of claim 17, wherein the universal image capture driver is  
2    adapted to communicate with a digital camera and a scanner.

1           19.    The device of claim 16, wherein the memory includes a control module  
2    comprising at least one software application with which image data can be manipulated.

1           20.    The device of claim 19, wherein the device comprises a computing device.

1           21.    The device of claim 16, further comprising device operation hardware  
2    adapted to perform a particular physical operation and wherein the memory comprises an  
3    operation module that is adapted to control operation of the operation hardware.

1           22.    The device of claim 21, wherein the device comprises a peripheral device.